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C O N F I D E N T I A L MOSCOW 14281

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: FRG-CZECH IMPASSE OVER LEGAL ASSISTANCE

REF: A. BONN 16503; B. BONN 16454; C. MOSCOW 13845

1. AT QUADRIpartite MEETING NOVEMBER 15, FRG CHARGE LUDERS PROVIDED ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON POSITION SOVIET AMBASSADOR FALIN TOOK WITH MFA IN BONN NOVEMBER 12 ON LEGAL ASSISTANCE IMPASSE. FALIN TOLD VAN WELL THAT IT WAS NOT POSSIBLE TO RESOLVE THE QUESTION OF LEGAL ASSISTANCE "IN PRINCIPLE" BEFORE DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WERE ESTABLISHED WITH CZECHOSLOVAKIA.

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ACCORDING TO LUDERS, THIS REVERSED THE UNDERSTANDING REACHED DURING

SCHEEL VISIT TO MOSCOW THAT AGREEMENT ON THE QUESTION OF LEGAL ASSISTANCE COULD BE REACHED WITH THE CZECHS IN PRINCIPLE, PERHAPS THROUGH AN EXCHANGE OF LETTERS, PRIOR TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS.

2. THE FRG EMBASSY HERE SHARES VIEW THAT PRESSURE WAS EXERTED ON CZECHOSLOVAKIA AND THE USSR BY THE GDR TO REVERSE THE UNDERSTANDING REACHED BETWEEN SCHEEL AND GROMYKO. IT IS CONJECTURED HERE THAT THE GDR IS NOT VERY HAPPY WITH THE FACT THAT THE FRG HAS BEEN NEGOTIATING WITH THE SOVIET UNION ON MATTERS RELATING TO WEST BERLIN.

3. COMMENT: AS WE UNDERSTAND IT (MOSCOW REFTEL, SOVIETS PUT OUT POSITIVE VIBES ON FRG-CZECH AGREEMENT DURING SCHEEL VISIT, BUT SPECIFICALLY COMMITTED THEMSELVES TO VERY LITTLE ON LEGAL ASSISTANCE ISSUE. WE AGREE WITH EMBASSY BONN THAT GERMANS SEEM TO HAVE BEEN TOO ANXIOUS TO INTERPRET SOVIET AMBIGUITIES IN A FAVORABLE LIGHT.  
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